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Letter dated 21 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 20 May 2015 by a spokesperson for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in relation to its underwater test fire of a ballistic missile from a strategic submarine and the text of a statement released on 20 May 2015 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with regard to the hostile policy of the United States towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annexes).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as soon as possible as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 21 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement issued on 20 May 2015 by a spokesperson for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, May 20 — Reactionaries of the United States of America and Japan, the south Korean puppet authorities, and other hostile forces every day let loose invectives against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over its underwater test-fire of a ballistic missile from a strategic submarine. In this regard, a spokesman for the Policy Department of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released a statement on 20 May 2015 clarifying the principled stand of the service personnel and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The country cannot overlook the sinister aim sought by hostile forces in taking issue with its legitimate measure to bolster up its self-defence capability as a sovereign State and their provocative behaviours, the statement said, and went on:

The underwater test-fire by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is part of the measures to increase the self-defence capability of its army and people, pursuant to the line of simultaneously developing the two fronts and a new higher level in the development of strategic striking means.

It is long since the nuclear striking means of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have entered the stage of producing smaller nukes and diversifying them.

The country has reached the stage of ensuring the highest precision and intelligence and best accuracy of not only medium- and short-range rockets but also long-range ones.

It does not hide this.

This is a just measure taken by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to bolster its capability for self-defence and is a legitimate exercise of its sovereignty which it can never give up simply because someone brands it as a "provocation" or demands a "stop" to it.

Now that the United States and all the other undesirable hostile forces kowtowing to it are persistently "threatening" and "blackmailing" the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and overtly and covertly stepping up their brigandish moves to invade it and "bring down its social system", its service personnel and people, all out in the drive to defend the security of the country and dignity of the nation, will push ahead more dynamically with increasing speed with the plan to bolster up the defence capability, undeterred by the moves of others.

They should no longer dare pull up the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over all its measures to bolster up its military muscle for self-defence, terming them "provocation" and "threat".

It is the stand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea not to allow the United States and its allies to brand the former's above-mentioned test-fire as a

"provocation" and "threat" to regional peace, pursuant to the "resolution" of the Security Council.

This is because the Security Council has been reduced to an entity that yields to the high-handed and arbitrary practices of the United States, forgetful of its mission to ensure global peace and security and its duty as prescribed in the Charter of the United Nations, and one which has itself abandoned the principles of respect for sovereignty of other countries and non-interference in their internal affairs after dropping the principle of impartiality.

The reactionaries of the United States and Japan, the sworn enemies of the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the south Korean puppet forces, and all other dishonest forces should not forget for even a moment that the powerful strike means of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to defend the dignity and sovereignty of the nation from the reckless moves of the aggressors keen to intrude into its inviolable territory, waters and sky, and to "bring down its social system", have been placed on alert to hit any target not only from their front and flanks but from any place in their rear.

Annex II to the letter dated 21 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement released on 20 May 2015 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, May 20 (KCNA) — The United States is becoming reckless in its smear campaign against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in a bid to get out of the miserable position in which it finds itself owing to the total failure of its hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In this regard, a spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released a statement on 20 May 2015.

While visiting south Korea, United States Secretary of State Kerry ran the whole gamut of invective against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on May 18. He blustered that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was increasing military threats by persistently developing nukes and ballistic missiles, that it was necessary to escalate international pressure on it to force it to change its behaviour, and that the world community should jointly react against the State for having carried out a cyberattack.

Kerry went the length of pulling up the supreme headquarters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in a bid to tarnish the image of the country and to justify the bankrupt "human rights" racket against it.

What Kerry uttered was nothing but jargon let loose by a loser, admitting the total failure of the hostile policy of the Obama Administration towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as it was a last-ditch effort to evade the responsibility for having driven the relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States to their worst phase, the spokesman said, and went on:

The United States has already been disqualified to talk about dialogue and the nuclear issue owing to the anachronistic moves to stifle the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has provided the United States with a series of opportunities for realizing the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula in the past period. But the United States did not roll back its inveterate hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and has missed all the opportunities.

In January last, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea showed willingness to put a moratorium on the nuclear test if the United States would temporarily discontinue the provocative joint military exercises against it. However, the United States turned down this offer, scuppering the last chance to settle the nuclear issue.

No progress can be made in the relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States unless the latter drops its inveterate and chronic repugnance and its hostile policy towards the former.

The United States should fundamentally change its viewpoint on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in order to stem the current trend of vicious cycle of confrontation and tension.

The Obama Administration will have to disappear from the arena, leaving ill fame as the archcriminal torpedoing the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and escalating the tension on it.

The United States would be well advised not to forget that its acts of getting on the nerves of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would only add to its pain.